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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) to (e) A statement [a] giving the particulars called for in the question is placed on the table of the House."

SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" What are the other recommendations made by the Association apart from the training centre? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice, Sir."

Political prisoners.

* 1528 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of Sri N. K. Palanisamy) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the number of ' C ' Class Political prisoners in the jails of Madras State at the end of 1954?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There is no category of ' Political Prisoners ' as such.

Apparently the hon. Member refers to the prisoners said to owe allegiance to the Communist party, etc., confined in jails. The number of such prisoners in Class ' C ' is 69."

Local Fund Dispensary, Valpad.

* 1529 Q.—SRI O. KORAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the annual amount sanctioned by Government for the purchase of medicines for the Local Fund Dispensary at Valpad in Ponnani taluk, South Malabar; and

(b) whether the Government intend increasing the amount sanctioned.

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Nil, Sir.

" (b) Does not arise."

SRI O. KORAN :—" Sir, in view of the fact that these dispensaries are to cater to the needs of about 1½ lakhs of people and also because this area is isolated from the rest of the taluk for want of communication facilities, etc., and in view of the peculiar condition in which this area is situated, will the Government be pleased to provincialise this dispensary? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have already answered questions relating to provincialization of hospitals several times on the floor of this House. Provincialization would be done by stages and in course of time."

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[a] Printed as Appendix on page 190 infra.